

ED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

BONNET, et al.

Art Unit: 3732

Application No.: 09/423,858

Examiner: Lewis, Ralph A.

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 024118-00012

For:

PREFORM FOR OBTAINING AFTER DEFORMATION CUSTOMISED

ORTHODONTIC APPLIANCES OR DENTAL ORTHOPAEDICS RESULTING

APPLIANCES AND METHODS FOR OBTAINING SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 21, 2002

Sir:

In conjunction with the attached Request for Continued Examination, a Petition for an Extension of Time being attached hereto, the entry of the following amendment is requested.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

. A preform with a shape that simultaneously does not present a revolution axis or a constant thickness for obtaining, after deformation, a personalized orthodontic or dentofacial orthopedic apparatus characterized by a fhree-dimensional hollow body that can be expanded inside a mold reproducing a morphology of a subject, wherein said